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BARCIA, MAYES APPLAUD GRANT TO EXTEND LIGHTING ON COLUMBUS AVENUE

LANSING – State Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) and State Representative Jeff Mayes (D-Bay City) applauded the Michigan Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) decision to extend a \$126,720 transportation enhancement grant to the City of Bay City for streetscape improvements on Columbus Avenue. The grant will allow Bay City to complete the final phase of its ambitious reconstruction of Columbus Avenue and install ornamental lighting between Johnson and Tuscola Road.

“The reconstruction of Columbus Avenue has been a high priority in attracting businesses and encouraging private investment in the area,” said Barcia, who last year offered strong support for Bay City’s grant request. “Extending this ornamental lighting from Johnson to Tuscola Road will provide added safety and continue to facilitate economic development.”

“Residents of Bay City and visitors to the area have voiced positive comments about the attractive, bright lights currently lining portions of Columbus Avenue,” said Mayes. “I am happy that MDOT is supporting these efforts to improve the local infrastructure and downtown business district.”

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$158,400 with the City of Bay City contributing \$31,680 toward its completion.

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